Borden Family papers

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Biographical Note:

John Borden was born circa 1798 in Rhode Island. He was a blacksmith and a machinist by trade. In 1816, he moved to what would later become Wood Township in Clark County, Indiana. There Borden took up farming and became a prominent business owner. In 1822, Borden married Lydia Bellows of Massachusetts, born in 1798. In 1823, the couple had a son, William. John Borden died in November 1824, five months before the birth of his second son, John. Lydia Borden took over the business, a tavern, and was by all counts quite successful.

William W. Borden was a farmer, geologist, and educator in New Providence, Clark County, Indiana. He was assistant to the Indiana State Geologist 1873-1876. He organized the Colorado mining firm of Borden, Tabor, & CO and established and directed the Borden Institute a college at New Providence.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains the of business papers of John Borden, stock certificates and receipts of the Borden Family. Also included are William W. Borden's letters, a scrapbook of notes and clippings of his geological work, and the papers of John M. Johnston, a Brookville, Franklin County, Indiana judge. Johnston's papers include correspondence with Thomas A. Hendricks, Oliver P. Morton, Noah Noble, and James Whitcomb.

Materials are grouped by type and arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing:

1 Box.

Folder

1. Notebook, undated

2. Scrapbook, 1853-1854

3. Scrapbook, 1872-1876

4. Correspondence, 1715-1815

5. Correspondence, 1816-1821

6. Correspondence, 1822-1829

7. Papers, 1830-1849

8. Papers, 1850-1902

9. Papers, undated

10. Papers, undated

OB3 Folder 30. Stock certificates and receipts

1818-1863 Receipts Receipts

1822-1851 Stock certificates and receipts

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